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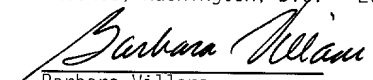
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For : 3D IMAGE ACQUISITION  
APPARATUS AND 3D  
IMAGE ACQUISITION  
METHOD

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R :

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please substitute amended claims 6 and 7 as follows and add new claims 17-21 as follows:

6. **(amended)** A 3D image acquisition apparatus according to claim 2,

wherein said plurality of color components are RGB components.

7. **(amended)** A 3D image acquisition apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the projected predetermined pattern is a stripe pattern or a matrix pattern.

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**Please add new claims 17-21 as follows:**

--17. (new) A 3D image acquisition apparatus according to claim 3,

wherein said plurality of color components are RGB components.

18. (new) A 3D image acquisition apparatus according to claim 4,

wherein said plurality of color components are RGB components.

19. (new) A 3D image acquisition apparatus according to claim 2,

wherein the projected predetermined pattern is a stripe pattern or a matrix pattern.

20. (new) A 3D image acquisition apparatus according to claim 3,

wherein the projected predetermined pattern is a stripe pattern or a matrix pattern.

21. (new) A 3D image acquisition apparatus according to claim 4,

wherein the projected predetermined pattern is a stripe pattern or a matrix pattern.--

R E M A R K S

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c), a clean copy of amended claims 6 and 7 is set forth in the present Amendment, and a marked-up version of the amended claims 6 and 7 is attached hereto.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claims 6 and 7 have been amended as follows:

6. **(amended)** A 3D image acquisition apparatus according to claim 2, [3 or 4],

wherein said plurality of color components are RGB components.

7. **(amended)** A 3D image acquisition apparatus according to [any one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1,

wherein the projected predetermined pattern is a stripe pattern or a matrix pattern.